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## **GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO**

Friends,

This week we continued our advocacy on behalf of unaccompanied refugee children from Central America. We welcomed LIUNA into the First District, beautified MacArthur Park, and supported STEM education at Dodgers stadium. We celebrated National Night Out at Cypress Park and Rampart. We hosted a community meeting to discuss pedestrian safety concerns in the MacArthur Park/Westlake area, attended a grand re-opening of a 99 Cents Only Store, and started the restoration of the Florence Nightingale statue at Lincoln Park.

We end the week by appointing the City's first Latino Fire Chief and invite you to four important CD1 events.

Gilbert A. Cedillo  
Councilmember, District 1

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Refugee Children Resolution Approved**



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Tuesday, the City Council approved Councilmember Cedillo's resolution that takes a position of support for a humanitarian solution to the crisis regarding unaccompanied refugee children from Central America. Read the resolution [here](#).

## **Los Angeles Appoints First Latino Fire Chief**



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

The City of Los Angeles made history today when the City Council approved Mayor Eric Garcetti's choice to lead the Los Angeles Fire Department. Ralph Terrazas was unanimously voted to the top post today. Chief Terrazas brings thirty years of experience to the job. Most recently, he served as Assistant Chief for the Emergency Services Bureau.

In this capacity, he was responsible for leading, managing, and training the approximately 500 members on duty at 54 fire stations through seven Battalion Commanders (Battalions 1,2,4,6,11,13,& 18.). His tasks included responding to major emergencies and taking command upon arrival on scene, implementation of bureau policies and programs, evaluating Battalion and Company efficiency and results, assessing training needs, managing fire prevention, and supervising community and public relations activities.

Congratulation Chief Terrazas and thank you Mayor Garcetti for amplifying diversity across the City.

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## FIELD UPDATE

### Laborers 300 Grand Opening

(Photo Credit: Sergio Infanzon)

Last Friday, Councilmember Gil Cedillo joined the Laborers International Union Local 300 (LIUNA) for the grand opening of their administrative building in CD1. Laborers' Local 300 is a Union representing construction laborers, asbestos abatement workers, maintenance workers,

and plant workers throughout Los Angeles County.

Welcome to the neighborhood!

## **Beautifying MacArthur Park**

(Photo Credit: Ana Gomez)

This week the Department of Recreation and Parks completed a project on the north side of MacArthur Park. The large worn out turf picnic area has been renovated and converted to decomposed granite which allows for water conservation. Javier Solis, maintenance supervisor, is overseeing the project. Plant material will be installed in the two end planters of the picnic area and the entire project should be completed in the next few weeks. Team Cedillo is happy with the progress at the park and hope to continue with future improvements.

## **Dodgers/Time Warner Cable STEM in Sports**

(Photo Credit: TWC)

On Monday, Councilmember Cedillo joined Los Angeles Dodgers' Pitcher Brian Wilson, and 150 East Los Angeles youth attending Time Warner Cable's 'Connect A Million Minds' event at Dodger Stadium.

Time Warner Cable teamed up with the Dodgers to bring an exclusive experience to 150 underserved youth—STEM in baseball at Dodger Stadium! Through a discussion and a demonstration featuring the Dodgers' star pitcher Brian Wilson, the children learned about the important role that science, technology, engineering, and math play in everything that is seen and done on the baseball field. They discussed baseball diamond geometry, pitching mechanics, hitting technology, and base running strategy.

This event is a part of the Connect a Million Minds' "STEM in Sports" campaign, which connects kids to STEM through their favorite sports.

## **National Night Out Cypress Park and Rampart**

(Photo Credit: Jose A. Rodriguez) Cypress Park

(Photo Credit: Ana Gomez) Rampart

National Night Out began in 1984 to promote involvement in crime prevention, and to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are unified and will stand up against crime. Councilmember Cedillo was honored to join the Cypress Park community, LAPD Northeast Division, and Divine Saviour Church for an evening of reflection on crime reduction. The event honored the progress we've made in our communities and reaffirms our commitment to work together to ensure peace and quality of life. On this night, communities all over the United States came together with law enforcement to demonstrate the value and success of making our streets safer.

Councilmember Cedillo proudly joined the community of Rampart Division on Tuesday for the 20th year of National Night Out. The walk and event included Aztec Dancers, musical performances by Royal Palms, and a wide variety of food representing the diverse

communities of Westlake and Pico Union.

## **Cedillo's Pedestrian Safety Campaign**

(Photo Credit: SBSS)

On Thursday, Councilmember Cedillo launched a Pedestrian Safety Campaign at St. Barnabas Senior Services (SBSS). The senior community at SBSS participated in a campaign to document unsafe and pedestrian areas in the MacArthur Park/Westlake neighborhood. Councilmember Cedillo is working with residents to make the simple act of walking safe, comfortable, and convenient around the area of MacArthur Park/Westlake. He has asked community members to come together and share information about their experience traveling to SBSS, and share the results of surveys that were conducted on street conditions.

Councilmember Cedillo along with representatives from the Bureau of Street Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation, took a walk with a group of seniors, seeing first-hand areas of concern. We are happy to report that within less than 24 hours, the problematic driveway immediately outside of St. Barnabas was re-paved, making it safe for seniors to go out on their daily stroll.

Good work City family!

## **99 Cents Only Store Reopening**

(Photo Credit: Jose A. Rodriguez)

On August 13, 1982, Dave and Sherry Gold opened the first 99 Cents Only Store in Los Angeles, and in 1996 they opened their store in Lincoln Heights. This week the grand re-opening celebrated the company's "Go Taller Goal" that involves raising the height of store shelves from 54" to 78" to increase capacity and carry more of the great deals customers love. With more than 350 stores in four states and two distribution centers in California and Texas, 99 Cents Only Stores is a leader in extreme value retail chains in the Western United States.

Thank you for continuing to serve the constituents of CD1.

## **Florence Nightingale Repair Begins**

(Photo Credit: Jose A. Rodriguez)

In 1936, the Florence Nightingale statue was erected by the Federal Art Project and sponsored by the Hospital Council of Southern California at Lincoln Park. In 1999, it received maintenance by restoring some of the original qualities and features. Years later, as a result of natural weathering and vandalism, the statue is now in need of attention and care. In partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Cultural Affairs, Councilmember Cedillo selected Rosa Lowinger & Associates in Los Angeles for the conservation of the statue. The expected completion date is September 6, 2014, which will be followed by a community unveiling ceremony.

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## **NEWS UPDATE**

## Sunset Visioning Meeting



The Sunset Blvd. corridor between Downtown and Dodger Stadium is an important gateway into our neighborhoods. Its revitalization, with the conversion of a longstanding vacant former office building into lofts and a proposed mixed-use development at the former "Do-It-Yourself"

Center property, is underway. To add to these efforts, the City has commenced streetscape improvements along Sunset Blvd. by planting trees, installing trash receptacles and repairing broken sidewalks.

In order to provide input on shaping a “vision” for this corridor (between Beaudry Avenue and Elysian Park Drive in Council District 1), you are invited to a community forum:

**Sunset Blvd. Visioning Forum**  
**Saturday, August 2, 2014**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Old Fire Station No.6**  
**534 Edgeware Road**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90026**

Topics will include the community plan, the neighborhood’s historic and cultural significance, economic revitalization and future visioning. For more information, please contact Gerald Gubatan at (213) 473-7001.

## **Movies Under the Stars**



Councilmember Cedillo, In partnership with Fox Entertainment Group and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks invite you to a free screening of 'Rio II.'

**Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Normandie Park**

**1550 S. Normandie Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006  
RSVP: Ana Gomez (323)550-1538**

## **District Office Grand Opening**



On Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, join Councilmember Gil Cedillo from 5:30-8:30pm to celebrate the opening of his Highland Park field office, located at 5577 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles 90042.

There will be food and live entertainment to celebrate the First District. If you have any questions, contact Conrado Terrazas at (323) 550-1538.

## **Cedillo's 1st Annual Latin Jazz & Music Festival**



**Councilmember Cedillo's  
1st Annual Latin Jazz & Music Festival  
Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
FREE  
Sycamore Grove Park  
4702 N. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90042  
Info: (323)550-1538**

Performances By:  
Andy Vargas & Soulertos  
Banda Brothers  
Bravo High Latin Jazz Band  
Chicano Batman  
Cold Duck  
Gilbert Castellanos and the New Latin Jazz Quintet  
Heart of Los Angeles Big Band  
Hip Street  
Jose Rizo's MONGORAMA  
Lucky 7 Mambo  
Plaza De La Raza Latin Jazz Ensemble  
PONCHO SANCHEZ and his Latin Jazz Band  
Son Mayor  
Susie Hansen Latin Band

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Music LA Summer Session Culminating Recital**  
Friday, August 8th, 2014  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Lincoln Heights Junior Arts Center  
2911 Altura Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90031



**Avenue 50 Studio**  
**Summer Breeze Garden Party**  
Sunday, August 17th, 2014  
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
131 N Avenue 50  
Los Angeles, CA 90042

**Chinatown Summer Nights**  
Second Saturdays  
June/July/August  
5:00 PM - 12:00 AM  
943 N. Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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